

Marine Fisheries

Recreational Commercial Gear License

What Activities Require This Permit? The use of limited amounts of specified commercial gear such as shrimp trawls, crab pots, and gillnets to catch seafood for personal consumption or recreational purposes.

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? To license and identify individuals engaged in the harvest of fish, crabs, and shrimp for personal consumption using commercial fishing gear.

Who Issues This Permit? (a) The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), License and Statistics Section (b) N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) and (c) all agents that are representatives of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

How Much Will This Permit Cost? \$70 for residents/\$500 for nonresidents; WRC agents charge a \$2 agent fee in addition to the cost of the license.

Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit? Contact any Division of Marine Fisheries License office or any NC Wildlife sales agent. Visit the following link for license sales locations: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmf-offices>. You can also visit any WRC sales agent.

How Long Will It Take To Review My Application? No review required for this license.

Where Do I Submit My Application? Any North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), License Office or any WRC sales agent. Visit the following link for DMF license sales contact information: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmfoffices>.

How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid? The license expires one year from date of purchase.

Notes/Comments: This license is nontransferable. Commercial gear allowed under the RCGL changes occasionally so license holders are advised to see MFC Rule 15A NCAC 30.0300 et seq. or contact the Division of Marine Fisheries.

The use of a gill net will require a special permit from the Division of Marine Fisheries beginning September 1, 2014.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: General Statute 113-173, North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission Rules 15A 30.0101 and 30.0300 et seq..

Link: <http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/marine-fisheries>

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